

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH • CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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#### **MINUTES**

City Council Work Session
City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Monday January 7, 2013

**Called to Order.** Called to order by Council President Rennia at 6:02pm.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: None

**Also in attendance:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

### **ITEMS CONSIDERED**

**Discussion.** Reviewing the annual report of the Binghamton Human Rights Commission.

Presented by: Sean Massey, Binghamton Human Rights Commission Chair; Dara Silberstein, Binghamton Human Rights Commission Member

RL 13-6. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Broome County for security services for 2013.

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**Discussion.** Determining City Council BLDC and BURA Appointments for 2013.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

**Discussion.** Reviewing scheduling conflicts with the City Council Business Meeting held on July 2, 2013.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

**Discussion.** Update on Front Street Gateway Project.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor

**RL 13-7.** A Resolution urging federal action to stop gun violence.

Presented by: Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Webb, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg

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**RL 13-4.** An Ordinance establishing budget lines for Travel & Training and for Contractual in the 2013 budget for Economic Development.

Presented by: Merry Harris, Director of Economic Development

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

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**RL 13-1.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with the United Way of Broome County to lease a portion of the Lee Barta Community Center.

Presented by: Colleen Wagner, Youth Bureau Director; Phil Ginter, United Way of Broome County Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**RL 13-2.** An Ordinance authorizing the retirement of bond funds issued for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Project. Presented by: Tarik Abdelazim, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development; Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on January 9, 2013.

**RL 13-5.** An Ordinance authorizing the demolition of flood-damaged homes, stating the estimated maximum cost of \$3,500,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds of said City to finance said appropriation.

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

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Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on January 9, 2013.

**Discussion.** Reviewing the reciprocal licensing agreement with Oneonta for plumber licensing. Presented by: Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement

**RL 13-3.** A Resolution authorizing USI Consulting Group to provide GASB No. 45 actuarial services for 2012 and 2013 Fiscal Years.

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

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**Discussion.** Reviewing overdrawn budget lines in MUNIS reports.

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

**Discussion.** Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board budget included in all future MUNIS year-to-date budget reports.

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

**Discussion.** Reviewing Rental Registration in the City of Binghamton.

Presented by: Council President Rennia; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement

**Discussion.** Identifying issues within the Office of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement.

Presented by: Councilwoman Webb



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**Discussion.** Reviewing Shade Tree Commission duties and regulations.

Presented by: Councilman Papastrat; Councilman Berg

**Discussion.** Reviewing committee reports and pending legislation.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 9:08pm. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage. **Voice vote, none opposed.**